

# Sandy City Business Watch



## *Annoying Telephone Calls*



Many of us have been the victim of harassing telephone calls. These calls serve no real purpose and is an unreasonable intrusion of our privacy. You may receive a random call day or night. They may be obscene, threatening, or a very convincing scam. If the caller is not trying to steal your money and identity, they may be looking to satisfy their personal appetite.

Here are a few tips to consider when dealing with unwanted telephone calls;

- ☐ Simply hang-up
- ☐ Do as your mother taught you—don't talk to strangers.
- ☐ Don't encourage a caller by letting them know you are agitated or distressed
- ☐ Blow a whistle into the phone
- ☐ Post your phone number on do-not-call list  
<https://www.donotcall.gov/register/reg.aspx>
- ☐ Be careful placing ads—do not include your address
- ☐ Block phone numbers from unwanted callers
- ☐ Change your phone number
- ☐ Save phone messages may be evidence –obscene or threatening calls is a crime
- ☐ Keep a record of when harassing calls are made
- ☐ If you receive a threatening phone call, contact law enforcement: emergency 9-1-1 non-emergency 801-799-3000

